

1       to help the Democratic Party who has grown so  
2       accustomed to getting black votes such by having  
3       the PSA's come on our radio shows. They give money  
4       to stations like WWJ, they buy time on the European  
5       -owned stations, but they want free time on black  
6       stations to get the vote out.

7               They have to bring equity and access and  
8       inclusion to the media and the ownership of the  
9       media in a city like Detroit where the demographics  
10      are already laid out, the ownership has actually  
11      dwindled. Media ownership of people of color has  
12      gotten less over the last twenty years when it  
13      should be increasing. That's instructive, it's  
14      instructive as we move into this 21<sup>st</sup> Century,  
15      understanding that media, practically electronic  
16      media have to shape the minds, the values, the  
17      attitudes, the behaviors of our community. So,  
18      it's not just communications, it's about our very  
19      lives, it's about who looks at who as a criminal;  
20      it's about who looks at who in terms of someone who  
21      is appropriate enough to run a city, to govern.  
22      It's about having control, and respect, and really  
23      making sure the United State Constitution applies  
24      equitably and affirmatively to all.

25             Thank you very much.

1 (Applause).

2 CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS: First of all, I  
3 wanted to thank everyone in joining us in all of  
4 the various capacities that you've come, but could  
5 we invite the Vice President of Wayne State  
6 University, Faye Nelson to come forward as we  
7 express our appreciation to her.

8 We want everyone to know that this University  
9 has been so very helpful in a wide range of  
10 activities that we've been engaging in. The  
11 National Bar Association, only last Friday, held a  
12 very important seminar in the law school.

13 So, Madam Vice-President.

14 VICE-PRESIDENT NELSON: Thank you very much.

15 To all of our honored guests, it is quite  
16 frankly a tremendous pleasure to serve as the host  
17 site for this FCC Forum.

18 I'd like to also join in the many  
19 acknowledgments to Congressman Conyers for bringing  
20 such a very important issue to this table, such  
21 critically important issues such as inclusion, and  
22 equity, and access, and ownership.

23 And so, I'd like for you to know that you are  
24 welcome back anytime to discuss this issue. We  
25 welcome you. We thank you for coming.

1           Thank you very much.

2           (Applause).

3           CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: We're going to first of  
4 all, transcribe the dialogue from the video that  
5 has been taken of this. It's going to be very  
6 important for us to study it carefully. I heard  
7 some very good things.

8           But, overall this is a very difficult  
9 circumstance in which we find ourselves. And the  
10 only thing that has made me think twice about this  
11 is that unless we get a delay, that becomes more  
12 important than talking about the substance.  
13 Although talking about the substance gives value  
14 and validity to why we need the delay. But the  
15 fact of the matter is, this process by the FCC is  
16 truncated and it does not follow with the  
17 procedural appropriateness. And I would like to  
18 chat with anybody that would as we close down now,  
19 about things that we can do to bring to the  
20 attention of the FCC and millions of people who are  
21 totally unaware that this process is going on.

22           It's not hard for me to observe that there are  
23 not many people from the media here covering even  
24 this hearing this morning. And I don't expect to  
25 see a lot written about it, except in the African

1 American press.

2 (Applause).

3 So, the difficulties that attend this subject  
4 manner really, I think, and I'm going to say this,  
5 it requires us to resorting to Civil Rights  
6 strategies and tactics that are not reserved for  
7 just Civil Rights activity. I mean, and as a  
8 matter fact, if you feel like you've been  
9 discriminated against then this is a Civil Rights  
10 activity. So, I think we've got to get out of the  
11 box really. There's got to be something more done.  
12 We're going to have to come out of our wonderful  
13 clothing and really start getting down on the  
14 issues and make it real.

15 This is frankly, a very abstract issue for  
16 most people not in the business. And how it could  
17 it not be? They haven't examined this. Their  
18 livelihood may not be directly connected to it.

19 And yet, everything we see, hear, know and  
20 learn comes through the media in some form or  
21 other. So even though they may not appreciate how  
22 substantive this discussion is we've had today, it  
23 doesn't mean that it's not any less important. And  
24 so, we've got to figure out how to get around this.  
25 This is our in-house. Everybody here is in the

1 business, of the business, knows the business. But  
2 until we figure out some ways to get this thing  
3 out, we're having an important discussion among  
4 people, it's inside baseball. This is more a  
5 beltway.

6 And I have to stand before to say I'm the  
7 first, and I haven't figured any way to do it. I'm  
8 happy to know, the Commission has advised me that  
9 State, councils, city councils, thousands of people  
10 are doing something around the country. But we've  
11 got to be thinking about this not only from the  
12 point of view of Metro Detroit, an important  
13 communications center, but also nationally. We're  
14 national thinkers, we're national players.  
15 Probably one of the - - and all national players  
16 are from someplace local anyway.

17 So, what we've got to do is try to make some  
18 connection with all these other folks that are  
19 doing it. And want to thank my Chief of Staff  
20 Perry Applebaum of the Judiciary Committee who has  
21 really gone out of his way to do this. My Chief of  
22 Staff of my Congressional Office, Ray Plowden has  
23 been here and everybody else that's been working  
24 with us, some members of the staff, some  
25 volunteers. We've got to start figuring this thing

1 out. Now, there's still time. This is May the  
2 19<sup>th</sup>, we're talking about June the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

3 Perhaps one of the most important things that  
4 could come out of us all sitting in the same room  
5 for a short period of time, would to be to figure  
6 out where we go from here. And it's in that sense  
7 that I'm indebted to all of you for bringing this  
8 collective knowledge. This transcript could make a  
9 pretty good small book or article because I've  
10 heard a lot of diversity of views here. And thank  
11 goodness it all wasn't harmonious because this is  
12 not a harmonious subject. There's the them, and  
13 there's the us. And the people that have got it,  
14 are determined to keep it. And fortunately, for  
15 them, they've got people in high places that are  
16 willing to help them keep it.

17 Now, this is not a polemic, this is what's  
18 happening and I feel very badly about the fact that  
19 this thing could be going on under the leadership  
20 of the son of Colin Powell.

21 I said I wasn't going to say that, but I mean  
22 really, this isn't some person that has no  
23 background in the Afro-American experience and what  
24 hell we've been going through. This is a  
25 beneficiary of the struggle who is leading, leading

1 the charge to further create a oligopoly boarding  
2 on a monopoly; leading the charge.

3 And now that I'm feeling better that I got  
4 that out of my system, I'm feeling better already.

5 MS. GILCHRIST: Now, aren't you glad that some  
6 of the TV cameras didn't show up?

7 CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Well, they usually catch  
8 me anyway, so what difference does it make at this  
9 point?

10 But let's plan, I mean this wasn't just to get  
11 together to do the academic mental thing. We've  
12 got to plan. If you don't plan anything, nothing,  
13 will happen. And so I would offer whatever  
14 amenities that the Vice-President of the University  
15 has for me to pass on to everybody else.

16 Please stay for just a few minutes and talk  
17 with somebody that you like to hear. I really like  
18 to hear Janine Jackson of Fair some more. I mean,  
19 here's somebody that's out there doing something.

20 So thank you all very much. And what about  
21 our moderator. I knew him when he wasn't a  
22 professor at a college. You know, I knew him when  
23 he was a street dude. He's still a street dude,  
24 but he's looking good for a street dude. But thank  
25 you.

1 Is R.J. Watkins here?

2 MR. WATKINS: Right here.

3 CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Okay.

4 So, this should go on and on.

5 And thank you so much.

6 PROFESSOR ARNOLD: Karen, are we doing any

7 kind of questioning from the audience?

8 MS. MORGAN: Yes.

9 PROFESSOR ARNOLD: They're going to need a  
10 microphone.

11 And Janine, we're coming to you. The  
12 Congressmen said to come straight to you.

13 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Hello, and thank you  
14 Congressman and everyone else pursuant.

15 I am just an average-person consumer. I have  
16 some questions. I've heard most of all of your  
17 names, and I have enjoyed all of your comments.

18 PROFESSOR ARNOLD: You need to give your name  
19 for the record.

20 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: My name is Gregory  
21 Allen Brown. I'm an artist. And I have an art  
22 gallery on Wayne State's campus. And I just have a  
23 question.

24 Congressman, you have asked where do we go  
25 from here? If they are planning to monopolize the



1       communications of the United States, I say why not  
2       nationalize it first?

3               If you nationalize communications in the  
4       country, the conference that Mr. Honig is planning  
5       for July 2<sup>nd</sup>, sounds like the kind of structure or  
6       the kind of program that the FCC should be  
7       conducting daily, not just a one-time conference.

8               The pool of talent and resources in this  
9       country is immense. I studied advertising in  
10      school. I know why everything, as the gentleman  
11      says, is starting to sound redundant; why you know  
12      what every kid is about to say, their next word,  
13      "What up, though".

14              CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Okay, I've got the  
15      question, I think.

16              AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Yes sir.

17              CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: I got the drift.

18              AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: My question is - -

19              CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: I've got it already.

20              AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Okay, great.

21              Thank you.

22              CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Thanks so much.

23              The reason we can't nationalize before they  
24      monopolize is because they won't let us.

25              And so, that's a very good and important

1 subject. And by the way, the Federal laws are  
2 supposed to nationalize things.

3 So, what you may be talking about is a drastic  
4 revision of the Communication Laws Act of 1934, so  
5 that would be something that I'd like for you and  
6 our lawyers to talk about.

7 Did you have another comment Ms. Jackson?

8 MS. JACKSON: I would say very quickly,  
9 actually kind of in response to that, just there's  
10 a feeling when we talk about deregulation as though  
11 we're really saying let's remove Government  
12 intervention from the media business. And I think  
13 we should recognize that the media business is  
14 highly regulated. When industry, when media  
15 companies talk about deregulating, they only mean  
16 removing the regulations they don't like.

17 Let's remember that we often have a  
18 conversation that makes it sounds as though media  
19 companies are popping up like a lemonade stands  
20 around the company and all you need to do is start  
21 one, and that is not the case.

22 This change that we're talking is about is  
23 happening within an industry that is already  
24 intensely capital intensive, you know. And which  
25 basically, as I know we all understand, these

1 people get licenses for free, from the Government.

2 So this notation of they invented a better  
3 mouse trap or this is a Mom and Pop company, no  
4 these are licenses that they get for free. So, I  
5 would just add - - you know, I think that people  
6 sometimes kind of gasp if you talk about  
7 nationalizing because deregulation is kind of a  
8 mantra or a gospel in this country. But when  
9 you're talking about media, you're already talking  
10 about an industry in which these companies benefit  
11 tremendously from the regulations that exist. So  
12 it's kind of a vocabulary issue almost.

13 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Congressman Conyers,  
14 good morning to you.

15 I would like to say I appreciate your stance  
16 that you took during the Judiciary Hearing while  
17 Rupa Murdock was being questioned. I was at the  
18 hearing.

19 And also, my question is to you as well as Mr.  
20 Copps, no one has mentioned cable programmers as  
21 well as besides to terrestrial broadcaster. And I  
22 would even add the question of Mr. Watkins who is a  
23 black television owner in the Detroit market that  
24 this does affect,

25 Comcast controls 80 percent - - and this is my

1 record of the broadcast yearbook - - Comcast  
2 controls 80 percent of the African American market  
3 in the United States. If it acquires charred  
4 communications, which it will do by the end of this  
5 month, it will then control 97 percent of the  
6 African American market.

7 While though, at the same time I applaud Radio  
8 One and Kathy Hughes for their efforts, but are we  
9 not and should we not set in place, Mr. Copps, a 4  
10 percent ratio cap which is pursuant to the 1998  
11 Rule that was adopted by allowing DBS broadcasters,  
12 such as Direct TV and the Dish Network to set aside  
13 4 percent of their channel space for the minority  
14 or what the term was used there; and that ruling  
15 was Pubic Interest Programming.

16 The same rule should be applied to cable NSO's  
17 for the sake of allowing black-owned networks such  
18 as myself and even black owned television stations,  
19 as those of the city here, to be given a fair  
20 opportunity to compete in the broadcast market to  
21 which we have no control over, and our signals even  
22 being seen.

23 Take for instance, Mr. Watkins resides in  
24 Charter's territory. He doesn't apply to the cable  
25 must-carry rule, but because he's the only

1       terrestrial signal in the Charter width, they must  
2       carry him. Yet, he provides a great community  
3       source to the Detroit market even being a low-power  
4       station, which Comcast would not even carry.

5             The reason Comcast won't carry that signal,  
6       sir, is because it has a main entrance in  
7       programming African-American programs. And  
8       granted, BET has started out to do a great work,  
9       but let's face the facts. Comcast recognizes the  
10      fact that it owns, it owns, it owns 90 percent of  
11      the African-American market in the 25 most  
12      populated black communities of the United States.  
13      And here they won't even put on a black-owned  
14      network, such as myself that pays \$125,000 a month  
15      in satellite fees and I can't get carriage.

16            MR. GRAY: I would just say with regard to  
17      cable, as you know, cable is regulated differently  
18      than broadcast media. And we've back and forth on  
19      how much cable is regulated or deregulated over the  
20      years. And now we're in kind of a probably  
21      excessively deregulatory phase, but one place where  
22      we can have an impact, as you so accurately point  
23      out, is the a must-carry. We have a proceeding  
24      pending in must-carry. I'm prohibited from saying  
25      too much about the specifics of that proceeding.

1 But I think compelling arguments have been made  
2 that must-carry is important, that perhaps must-  
3 carry can be done at the technical arguments that  
4 were made against the capacity of cable to transmit  
5 have been, there have been some pretty good  
6 arguments put up against that too. So, I think all  
7 these things are under consideration.

8 I want to say a word now on the subject that  
9 came up about nationalizing. And as Congressman  
10 Conyers said, it was probably not in the immediate  
11 offering. But you know we made the choice in this  
12 country years and years ago, that broadcasting  
13 would part of the great capitalistic system, that  
14 it was all right to make a buck in broadcasting.  
15 And that's fine and we're not going to change that,  
16 eminently.

17 But by the same token, this is a very  
18 different industry. And it's different for two  
19 reasons.

20 It's different, number one, because the public  
21 owns the primary resource, which is the airwaves.

22 And it's different number two, because in  
23 return for a license granted them by the FCC,  
24 broadcasters undertake the obligation to serve the  
25 public interest.

1           It's true we had a Chairman at one time, not  
2           so many years ago, in the 80's under President  
3           Reagan who said a television is nothing but a  
4           toaster with pictures. But a television is not  
5           toaster with pictures it is a powerful tool  
6           affecting the public interest and our ability to  
7           communicate with each other.

8           So, we've got to be looking for the balance.  
9           You know, as I go around the country and talk to  
10          the broadcasters, I still see a lot of them  
11          motivated by that good desire to serve the public  
12          interest, and to present news if they can. But,  
13          less and less do I find them captains of their own  
14          faith and more and more do I find them prisoner to  
15          this bottom line quarterly report. Again, buy more,  
16          buy more, buy more, always get bigger, bigger,  
17          bigger.

18          Somehow, as I said in my remarks earlier,  
19          we've got to wrap arms in this country around that  
20          issue because this media is too precious to our  
21          democracy; not just our entertain, but our  
22          political dollar. We have to strike the right  
23          balance and make sure we preserve it and yes you  
24          make a dollar, and certainly where minority  
25          interest can be vastly better represented than they

1       are now because it's a disgrace, 25 years after the  
2       report to look where we are. So that's our  
3       challenge, that's what we need to do and that's  
4       where we need the best thinking in this country.

5               CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Rarely do we have the  
6       President and Vice-President of the University here  
7       at the same time. President Erving Reed is here.

8               MR. REED: Thank you, sir.

9               CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Thank you for your  
10       hospitality. And we're very pleased to have you  
11       join us as we take our final questions.

12              MR. REED: Thank you very much for thinking of  
13       Wayne State University for holding this event here  
14       on campus. We're very glad of it. And you know  
15       that this is always home to you for any of the  
16       events that you would like to have here at the  
17       University.

18              I regret the fact that I'm running all over  
19       the place so you, but you can image that the events  
20       that are go on right now with the budgets in the  
21       State of Michigan as well as some of the ones that  
22       are going on with health care. But with the  
23       problems with health care here in the city with the  
24       Detroit Medical Center, and so on, which is the  
25       reason that I'm either early or late. I haven't



1       figured out which it is that I am, but, again, I  
2       would like to invite you at anytime of this rather  
3       extraordinary important issue that's under  
4       discussion today on issues related to the media,  
5       will be held here where we hold journalism in a  
6       very high regard and is one of the strongest  
7       programs here in the University.

8               So, I thank you all for being here. I thank  
9       you very much, Congressman, for allowing us to be a  
10      part of this.

11             Thank you, so much.

12             CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Thank you, Mr.  
13      President.

14             President Reed.

15             Yes. I see a lawyer raising her hand in the  
16      second row.

17             AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Thank you very much.

18             I'd like to address the issue of  
19      discrimination that's going on in the United  
20      States. And we all know that there's no one here  
21      that's surprised on what occurred today or its  
22      meant.

23             If they accomplish what they need to  
24      accomplish, where there is fair assessment of the  
25      people that live in the United States?

1           What is the population of African American in  
2           the United States, Congressman, is it under 13  
3           percent?

4           CONGRESSMAN CONYERS:   It's probably 14.

5           AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT:   All right, then.   We  
6           all insist and demand that there be 14 percent of  
7           all the media, any kind; television, radio,  
8           whatever in this United States of America.   Because  
9           we do have people that are able and confident  
10          enough to do whatever needs to be done.

11          We have R.J. Watkins over there, that has  
12          accomplished much in our community.   And I for one  
13          don't listen to the main media because they try to  
14          direct your mind the way they want you to think.  
15          It is based upon greediness, it's based upon  
16          racism, and it's based upon denial of our first  
17          amendment rights.

18          So, as of this point, the reason that Joann  
19          Watson got in, because the mind set is changing in  
20          the black community.   We know longer are directed  
21          by those people.   And you need to listen this if  
22          anybody's here.   We are no longer directed by those  
23          people who tried to make us think like they want us  
24          to think.   We are past that point.   And in this day  
25          and age, we need to educate our people as to the

1       tricks that are played upon us. This is not by  
2       accident, it is by design.

3               So, therefore, I stand to make these remarks.  
4       That I am for a system that will allow our people  
5       that have the kind of access that is needed in  
6       order for us to move forward. Now if you can't  
7       help us, you can stand on the sidelines and clap  
8       for us while we run this race.

9               Thank you very much.

10              AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Thank you, Congressman  
11       for holding this panel.

12              My name is Charles Glover. I'm the CEO and  
13       Chairman of the Board for Corporate Media Group.  
14       We're the most recent black owner in the last three  
15       years.

16              (Applause).

17              Thank you. I appreciate it, guys.

18              I feel like I have something to say here at  
19       this panel which is why I came, simply because we  
20       actually went out and did it. We did it with our  
21       own money, we do it with our own efforts, we do it  
22       without having to go before a competitive hearing,  
23       we do it without having to buy a disadvantaged  
24       station. We did it through hard work, education,  
25       and good planning. And also being able to achieve

1 good deals.

2 What I'm suggesting here, is that I know a lot  
3 of rhetoric, I know a lot of talk. I don't see  
4 very many people, other than like Mr. Watkins,  
5 these gentlemen that came down from Flint, Mr.  
6 Grey, people like themselves who are here actually  
7 on the front lines, who are actually trying to do  
8 something about this.

9 This is not a game, this is not a dress  
10 rehearsal. As of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, once this announcement  
11 is made in the change of the regulations, everyone  
12 is this room that is considered to be a minority  
13 participant, or a probable minority participant  
14 might as well kiss it goodbye. I mean, these are  
15 the hard and cold facts.

16 What we need right now, since we have the same  
17 group of people in this room, is we have people  
18 that own broadcast facilities, I think you should  
19 go home, you should mobilize - - we did this in  
20 Washington for the last election with Reverend  
21 Jackson. You need to stocks, you need to pull on  
22 your stations. You need to make the people in this  
23 country aware of what is going on.

24 United States media is about to be raped by  
25 the United States Government. I'm not finished. I

1       paid \$10,000 to say this.

2               (Applause).

3               What I'd like to suggest is, I'd like to know  
4       and this is my question to both Commissioner Copps  
5       and to Congressman, is what is there in real terms  
6       that we can do delay this vote? Because once this  
7       vote happens, like everyone on the panel has said,  
8       there is no way to put the Jennie back in the  
9       bottle.

10              CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Well, I plead ignorance  
11       before you challenged me so, since I told you I  
12       didn't know what to do and wanted everybody to stay  
13       after it, I haven't thought of anything in the last  
14       twelve minutes or so. But there are ideas floating  
15       around.

16              Ms. Gilchrist.

17              MS. GILCHRIST: Isn't there currently a bill  
18       being worked upon that would stay this decision,  
19       delay this decision that's been introduced or are  
20       we misinformed on that?

21              MR. GRAY: There's some bills in Congress, Mr.  
22       Conyers, that co-sponsors would freeze the  
23       ownership cap at 35 percent. To be frank, I don't  
24       know that there's a strong likelihood through  
25       republican leadership in the House of Senate to

1 bring that up for a vote. It is supported by the  
2 National Association of Broadcasters and there's, I  
3 think, quite a number of co-sponsors. Mr. Conyers  
4 is planning to introduce legislation also that  
5 would deal with this issue. But it's difficult,  
6 you know, with the Republications controlling all  
7 levels government to actually stop it.

8 MS. GILCHRIST: So realistically that isn't  
9 going to be a successful venture, is that what  
10 you're saying?

11 CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Legislation is probably  
12 not what we're talking about right now.

13 MS. GILCHRIST: So, really the FCC is going to  
14 respond to the Court order and they are being  
15 compelled to do so by the Court. What other venues  
16 are there for a delay?

17 MR. HONIG: One idea that we've been tossing  
18 around, if the gentleman from Toledo wants to come  
19 into Washington, perhaps we can set up a meeting  
20 with my Michael Powell, with Commissioner's Copps  
21 good graces, if we could speak to him personally  
22 and deliver him by hand, the transcript of this  
23 proceeding, that could have an impact.

24 CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Well that would be  
25 helpful. I've meet twice with Chairman Powell in

1 the last 3 months.

2 COMMISSIONER COPPS: You know what, I tried to  
3 indicate in my comments at the offset of this is,  
4 the only hope for this issue to go anywhere right  
5 now, or the best hope is to make it a grassroots  
6 issue. That means somehow getting on network  
7 television. And I've knocked my head against the  
8 wall, and we did finally get, as you remarked, a  
9 little piece on ABC News the other night and I'm  
10 hoping we get some others.

11 But whoever sited the Pew Research was right  
12 search was right. Seventy-five percent of the  
13 American people don't know about this issue because  
14 the FCC has not met it's obligation to go out and  
15 say, hey, we're messing with something important to  
16 you. We want the reaction of the American people.  
17 And number two, because big media has just is kept  
18 a lid on the thing. So, now we've got to get the  
19 big media we've got to get the attention going. So  
20 how ever you do that. It's, as I indicated before,  
21 it's talking to everybody you know, it's talking to  
22 opinion lenders, get on talk radio, write a letter  
23 to the editor, do whatever you can.

24 I don't know of any silver bullet or one way  
25 that is going to do it, but I know that once you

1 get people's attention they do not have a problem  
2 understanding the basics of this issue.

3 There's numbers, and it's complicated, and all  
4 that yes, but it boils down to with my airwaves,  
5 somebody's messing with my airwaves and it's going  
6 to affect my ability to communicate, to get local  
7 news and the kind of entertainment I get. Yes,  
8 that's important to me. If you can just get that  
9 message out that we're doing this, that we're doing  
10 it without making public what the proposals are, in  
11 the Chairman's mind, I think you will find a lot of  
12 outrage out there.

13 As I said, we got over 20,000 comments at the  
14 FCC and 99.9 percent are against two of us.

15 MS. GILCHRIST: So if people wanted to e-mail  
16 the FCC how should they do that, or call them?

17 COMMISSIONER COPPS: [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) is the  
18 website and there's a place in there where you can  
19 write your emails.

20 MS. JACKSON: You can also look at Fair's  
21 website, which is [www.fair.org](http://www.fair.org) which has a link to  
22 the FCC's website for making public comment. And  
23 for more information there's also a website called  
24 [www.mediareform.net](http://www.mediareform.net) which also has links to the FCC  
25 and more information about these changes.



1           COMMISSIONER COPPS: This internet is a  
2 wonderful tool.

3           CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Before you start, could  
4 I correct the misstatement that we were going to  
5 transcribe this from the video. Michelle LaFlora  
6 has been quietly sitting over there in the left  
7 hand corner, back here, taking down every word and  
8 misstatement and everything you hoped would never  
9 be there, made a part of the record, it already is.

10          Raise your hand, and give her a round of  
11 applause.

12          (Applause).

13          AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Good afternoon.

14          My name is Paula Ginte Harris, Deputy Director  
15 of the Detroit Cable Communications Commission.

16          I had a question for Commissioner Copps and  
17 for the Congressman, if you could add to this also.  
18 The FCC has an office called, the Office of  
19 Communications Business Opportunities, and I wanted  
20 to ask you to just expand on the role of this  
21 office within the FCC and how we could possibly use  
22 that office as a tool to further some of the issues  
23 and matters that we're talking about here today?  
24 If you're aware of the office.

25          CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Who could answer that